

anglican Diocese of Waiapu

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE held on Thursday, 28th April 2016 at 10.30am

Membership: Bishop Andrew Hedge
Mr. Brian Watkins
Mr. John Binns
Rev'd Arthur Bruce
Rev'd Alex Czerwonka
Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC)
Mrs. Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)

Miss Alison Thomson
Rev'd Paul Williamson
Rev'd Ron Elder
Dr Peter Minchin
Ms. Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
Mrs. Frances White

Apologies: Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim

Opening Prayer: Bishop Andrew

SC 16.4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st March 2016

Resolved:

'These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record.'

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Church Property Oversight Advice

The Registrar is currently awaiting information from the Christchurch Diocese regarding church property management prior to the earthquakes.

St Mary's Waipukurau

The Registrar has informed the CHB vestry of the committee's decision to grant them approval to proceed with seeking funding from the Waipukurau community to have a seismic engineering report carried out.

The CHB vestry has consequently formed a sub-committee to co-ordinate the fundraising project.

SC 16.4.2 Strategic and Policy Reports

The Diocesan Finance Manager, Tracey O'Shaughnessy was welcomed to the meeting to report on the year to date financials.

Finance

In the last three months not a huge amount of financial variance has occurred since year end. The major variances are expected to occur later in the year.

Youth

Funding received from the Webb Foundation for Hard Hats is now being utilized. St John's funding received for the 2016 internship program will be returned to St John's due to no internship running this year.

Receipt of Monthly Parish Financials

It was noted that despite the provision of a parish budget template by the diocesan accounts team, the monthly parish budget information was received in a number of formats.

All agreed that the financial expectations of the diocesan office should be met by all parishes.

Parish Treasurers should be familiar with the financial processes of the diocese. Newly appointed treasurers should familiarize themselves as quickly as possible.

Resolved:

'Standing Committee recognises the need for vestry and treasurers and the way they submit their budgets to be done according to the requirements requested from the diocesan office. Standing Committee encourages the review of diocesan finance formats to be carried out later in the year'

SC 16.4.3 Diocesan Committees

• **Diocesan Ministry Committee – Members:**

Bishop Andrew Hedge	Ministry Educator	Regional Deans
Chris Malcolm	Bonnie Hebenton	Rev'd Arthur Bruce
Peter Minchin	Philippa Hales	

Invitations have been sent and await a response from all invitees. It is anticipated the first meeting will take place shortly.

- **Diocesan Canon Review Committee**
- Nothing to report
- **Diocesan Property Committee**
- Yet to be formed
- **Diocesan Communications Committee**
- Yet to be formed
- **Finance Advisory Sub Committee**
- Role and membership to be reviewed

SC 16.4.4 General Business

• ***Annual Stipend Review***

Recommended Stipend Adjustment for 2016/2017 is 1.3%.

Bishop Andrew sought comment regarding the Annual Stipend Review for the period 1 May 2016 to 30th April 2017.

- Clergy stipends have dropped by 10% to 15% in the last ten years, seriously impacting the recruitment of stipend clergy.
- Twenty years ago stipends were based on a sufficient rate to support a family comfortably. With the current stipend rate this is now impossible.
- A forum is needed whereby stipend issues can be discussed and debated with dioceses nationally.
- The committee should consider the formation of a small working group to assist with the formation of questions to help with these discussions. In turn a final report to be presented to IDCCG.
- It was agreed that the Registrar obtain a copy of the first published Annual Stipend Review for the next SC meeting.

Resolved:

'Standing Committee approves the recommended stipend increase of 1.3% for the coming year May 2016 to April 2017.'

- ***Chaplain Stipends***

The Reverend Alex Czerwonka, Chairman of the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy acknowledged Waiapu's generosity for its ongoing contribution to chaplaincy. However, he drew attention to the continued 'squeezing out of chaplaincy funding' due to adjusted stipend rates.

The issue of Hospital Chaplaincy funding should be discussed alongside the budgetary conversations at Synod.

Standing Committee members broke for lunch.

- ***General Synod Planning***

General Synod representatives joined the meeting.

Bishop Andrew, Diocesan Registrar and General Synod Reps gave an update on arrangements for General Synod.

Motions and bills pertaining to the upcoming General Synod were discussed.

Meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair

Date: _____